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In the Claims:

Please amend claims 24 and 40 as follows.

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24. (Amended) A method according to claim 15, wherein size reducing of the compacted material is carried out by milling, sieving, or a combination of milling and sieving.

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40. (Amended) A method of delivering a selected pharmaceutical agent to a vertebrate subject, said method comprising providing a compacted particulate pharmaceutical preparation according to claim 37 and delivering the preparation to a target tissue or cell of the vertebrate subject by needleless syringe.

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